ABSOLUTE RATING: Average

IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

Number of districts with students like ours: 10.

The absolute ratings for those districts ranged from below average to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from below average to good.

Definitions of District Rating Terms

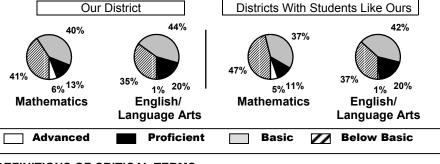
Excellent- District performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good- District performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average- District performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal. **Below Average-** District is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal

Unsatisfactory- District performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient Student performance met expectations.
- Basic Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

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PERFO	RMANCE BY S	TUDENT GROUPS		
			Percent	of
	Percent of		Students	Scoring
	Seniors	Percent of Seniors	Basic or	Above
	Passing the	Qualifying for LIFE	on the P	ACT
Student Group	Exit Exam	Scholarships	ELA	Math
All Students	93.5%	11.3%	65%	59.2%
Students with disabilities other than Speech	66.7%	0.0%	23%	22.8%
Students without disabilities	94.4%	11.7%	71%	64.3%
Gender				
Male	92.9%	11.0%	59%	56.9%
Female	93.9%	11.6%	71%	61.6%
Ethnic Group				
African-American	90.4%	3.4%	59.4%	53.3%
Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%	N/A	N/A
White	98.5%	28.1%	80.4%	75.7%
Other	100.0%	0.0%	N/A	N/A
Lunch Status				
Free/ Reduced-Price Lunch	89.5%	3.7%	60.2%	54.6%
Pay for Lunch	96.9%	17.9%	79.8%	72.9%

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

First-time Examinees					
	1999	2000	2001		
Our district					
Passed all 3 subtests	65.3%	56.4%	60.7%		
Passed 2 subtests	15.8%	24.2%	20.5%		
Passed 1 subtest	11.9%	13.3%	8.6%		
Passed no subtest	6.9%	6.2%	10.2%		
Districts with students like ours					
Passed all 3 subtests	62.0%	59.0%	62.9%		
Passed 2 subtests	19.7%	19.2%	18.3%		
Passed 1 subtest	12.0%	13.0%	10.2%		
Passed no subtest	6.3%	8.8%	8.5%		

LIFE scholarships at four-year institutions

		Percent of Seniors	
		Meeting Grade Point	Meeting SAT/ACT
	Eligible	Average Requirement	Requirement
Our District	11.3%	29.9%	11.9%
Districts Like Ours	13.8%	47.5%	14.4%

College Admissions Tests: Tests that are frequently used in the college admissions process.

	SAT	SAT	SAT	ACT	ACT	ACT	ACT	ACT
	Verbal	Math	Total	English	Math	Reading	Science	Total
	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001
District	464 460	474 473	938 933	17.3 16.3	18.0 17.4	18.0 16.9	18.1 18.2	18.0 17.3
State	484 486	482 488	966 974	18.7 18.8	19.2 19.3	19.5 19.5	19.2 19.2	19.3 19.3
Nation	505 506	514 514	1019 1020	20.5 20.5	20.7 20.7	21.4 21.3	21.0 21.0	21.0 21.0

These tests were administered to samples of students:

Terra Nova Test: A national, norm-referenced achievement test. Percent scoring in upper half

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	Reading		Language		Math		Total		
	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	
Grade 4	47.8	50.0.	43.1	50.0	58.4	50.0	50.5	50.0	
Grade 7	45.8	50.0	59.4	50.0	54.7	50.0	53.9	50.0	
Grade 10	59.6	50.0	59.5	50.0	62.4	50.0	59.1	50.0	

National Assessment of Education Progress : A national, criterion-referenced achievement test.

Percents of Students

			Adva	anced	Prof	icient	Ba	asic	Belov	v Basic
Test	Grade	Year	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Reading	4	1998	4	6	18	23	33	32	45	39
Writing	8	1998	0	1	15	23	64	59	21	17
Mathematics	4	2000	2	3	16	23	42	43	40	31

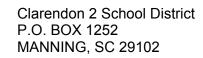
DISTRICT PROFILE INDICATORS OF DISTRICT PERFORMANCE

			With		
	This District	Change from Last Year	Students Like Ours	Median District	
DISTRICT					
Dollars per student	\$5,704	N/A	\$6,331	\$6,464	
Prime instructional time	92.7%	Up from 89.6%	89.2%	89.4%	
 Student-teacher ratio 	18.4 to 1	N/A	19.9 to 1	20.2 to 1	
 Vacancies for more than nine weeks 	1.4%	N/A	1.5%	0.6%	
STUDENTS (n=3,525)					
Advanced placement/ int'l baccalaureate program exam success ratio	0%	N/A	43.4%	43.8%	
Attendance Rate	96.8%	Up from 96.4%	95.9%	95.7%	
 Taking PACT (ELA) off grade level 	2.7%	N/A	6.3%	5.8%	
Taking PACT (Math) off grade level	2.8%	N/A	5.9%	4.5%	
Retention rate	6.5%	Down from 7%	7.4%	6.0%	
TEACHERS (n=218)					
 Professional development days per teacher 	6.6 Days	Down from 7.9	8 Days	7.8 Days	
Attendance rate	96.8%	Up from 94.8%	95.1%	95.2%	
Advanced Degrees	49.5%	Up from 48.6%	41%	44.4%	
Continuing contracts	83.9%	Down from 85%	80.4%	81.4%	
Out-of-field permits	0.9%	Up from 0%	1.9%	2.2%	
 Teachers returning from the previous year 	87.5%	Down from 90.7%	88.3%	89.5%	
Average salary	\$36,438	Up 4.4%	\$35,235	\$37,143	

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DISTRICT FACTS

DISTRICT				
Annual dropout rate	2.1%	Down from 3.9%	2.2%	2.9%
 Percentage spent on teacher salaries 	48.4%	N/A	51%	50.9%
 Superintendent's years in the district 	7	N/A	8	3.5
 Parent conferences 	77.2%	N/A	88.3%	81.0%
 Opportunities in the arts 	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
 Number of schools 	6	No change	6	8
 Number of alternative schools 	0	No change	0	0
 Number of charter schools 	1	No change	0	0
 Number of magnet schools 	0	N/A	0	0
 Portable classrooms 	1.7%	N/A	4.5%	6.5%
Attendance rate of district office staff	97.6%	N/A	97.1%	97.5%
 Average administrative salary 	\$62,752	Up 4.4%	\$63,470	\$64,098
STUDENTS				
 Enrollment in adult education GED or diploma programs 	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent of completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 Suspensions and expulsions 	113	N/A	122	100
Percent eligible for state gifted and talented programs	8.6%	Up from 7.8%	8.6%	10.5%
Percentage with disabilities other than speech	11%	Up from 9.8%	9.5%	10.5%



Grades K-12

Enrollment: 3,525 Students

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

By nearly every standard of comparison, Clarendon School District Two ranks poorly in South Carolina, a state struggling against the barriers created by poverty and its associated afflictions. Statistics related to poverty are higher in Clarendon County than the state average and the unemployment rate is twice that of the state. Clarendon Two is a poor, rural districts serving approx. 3700 students in five schools -predominantly disadvantaged students with 73% on free or reduced lunch. The county population is 2/3 black, over half of which live in poverty. Because of the extremely low tax base, CDS2 receives only \$847 per pupil from local resources, the lowest of all 86 South Carolina school districts. Student academic achievement tends to lag behind state average. On the 2000 South Carolina Exit Exam, 78% meeting reading standards were 5 points lower than state average and 67% meeting math standards were 11 points lower. Recent PACT results indicated many students are not prepared for the next grade. More than 40% performed below basic standards in math

Teacher experience and training data characterize a population of experienced teachers with limited training beyond initial college preparation. District committees reviewed demonstrated needs (environmental, academic, and technological) of students, teachers, and administrators in reference to today's rapidly-changing educational needs. We have secured assistance from a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant and a Technology Literacy Challenge Fund Grant. Our program (PACTS - 21st Century) focuses on at-risk youth failing academically. This initiative involves the community in an effort to improve the lives of high risk families and students. Outcomes of PACTS include improved academic success, higher rates of school attendance, enhanced health, improved grades, lower failure rates, and a great number of high risk youth meeting state academic standards. The Technology Literacy Challenge Project will result in technology integration into the curriculum. It will include professional staff development for teachers, aides, and administrators to increase integration of technology school-wide and to improve student achievement.

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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